

## AFGHANISTAN CLOSED LAND TO FOREIGNERS

Visitor Takes His Life in His Hands,  
Says Consul Henry  
D. Baker.

Christianity Punishable by Death.  
Hardly a Field for American Business.

A report on industrial and living conditions in Afghanistan, which a Christian enters on pain of death, has been made to the Department of Commerce by United States Consul Henry D. Baker, on special commercial service in the far east. Mr. Baker reports that Afghanistan is the buffer state between British India and the Russian possessions in Asia. It has an area of 200,000 square miles and a population estimated at 5,000,000, though no census has ever been taken. Its inhabitants are without exception Mohammedans, and save only Tibet, it is the largest closed country in the world, presenting the anachronism of a nation in the twentieth century which forbids the entrance into its territory of the foreign missionaries of either of religion of commerce, as well as making the profession of Christianity among its subjects punishable by death.

### Guards Are Necessary.

"If any person particularly wishes to visit Afghanistan, he can get into the country only by interesting the amir personally in the object of his visit, which, however, it may be found very difficult to do," Mr. Baker says. "No commercial traveler can get into Afghanistan unless the amir might be induced to take an interest in his particular line of business. Even then it would not be found convenient or advantageous to undertake a trip into Afghanistan unless the amir would personally guarantee one's comfort and safety and provide a military escort to Kabul or Kandahar, or wherever else it was desired to go. In fact, unless the Afghanistan government itself assumed all expenses of such a trip, and gave a guaranty as to a certain amount of profitable business it would probably never permit for any American business or manufacturing firm to send a representative into the country, as the expense of travel and of transport of personal supplies would be so great as to offset any profits which might be expected.

### Must Go at Own Risk.

"After application has been made to the amir for a permit, or firman, to visit Afghanistan—and by having advanced some particularly potent argument the firman may perhaps be granted—the deputy secretary to the government of India in the foreign department, if he deems it wise, will then grant permission to cross the frontier at the traveler's own risk.

A regulation letter granting such permission to a representative of a business house in Bombay, of which I have a copy, reads as follows:

"With reference to your letter dated . . . I am directed to inform you that the honorable chief commissioner and the deputy commissioner of the northwestern frontier province is hereby directed to allow Mr. . . of your firm to cross the frontier, subject to the production by him of his majesty the amir's firman and the political agent in the Khyber pass being satisfied that the Afghan government has made arrangements for Mr. . . 's escort and transport. . . . I am to add that the government of India accepts no responsibility whatever in connection with the object of Mr. . . 's journey to or stay in Afghanistan, and that he proceeds there at his own risk."

### Few Foreigners There.

"About the only instances in which Europeans or Americans have ever been allowed to travel into Afghanistan is when machinery or other articles have been required by the amir or his government, or special medical assistance needed at the court. At present there are understood to be six Europeans and two Americans residing in the country. Among the very few European persons who have for any length of time sojourned in Afghanistan within recent years may be mentioned E. T. Thornton, who established a government leather and book and shoe factory at Kabul, and wrote, in 1904, a book entitled 'Leaves from an Afghan Scrapbook'; Dr. J. A. Gray, who was private physician to the late amir, and wrote, in 1901, a book entitled 'My Residence at the Court of the Amir'; and Mrs. Kate Daly, physician to the amir's harem, who wrote, in 1904, a book entitled 'Eight Years Among the Afghans.'"

Redfield refers to the late Dr. T. L. Pennell, an English medical missionary, as having been the best authority on the frontier tribesmen of Afghanistan. He gained their confidence and esteem after years of effort, but the relations between the frontiersmen and the English generally are far from cordial.

### REDFIELD SENDS GREETINGS.

Gets First Reply to Christmas Messages to Department Employees.

Secretary Redfield of the Department of Commerce yesterday dispatched to all employees of the Department of Commerce in all parts of the world a message containing the season's greetings. The message went by letter to some, by land telegraph to others and to the officers and crews of vessels of the department by wireless. This morning the first reply came in. It was from the officers and crew of the lightship outside of the harbor at Seattle, Wash. It expressed thanks to Secretary Redfield for his message of greeting.

### Varied Christmas Weather.

Dispatches received here last night showed that the Christmas weather throughout the country was the most varied and unusual on record. It snowed in the central southern states and in the Missouri, Mississippi and Ohio river valleys, and rained in the Pacific coast states, the gulf states and the eastern states.

Miami, Fla., reported the highest temperature of the day, and Devils Lake, N. D., was the coldest.



**FIRE-LIGHT**  
We love to sit awhile at night  
And watch the open fire  
so bright  
Making shadows on our  
faces  
And lighting up the  
spooky places.

## Ribbons Reduced

The most wanted kinds offered Saturday at these savings.

Moire, Plain Taffeta and Pretty Dresden Ribbons, widths up to 5 inches; suitable for various kinds of fancy work. Worth 25c yard. Sale price. . . . . **14c**

Fine Quality Wide Satin and Beautiful Fancy Ribbons, in light Dresdens in floral effects; such dainty colorings as pink, light blue and mauve; also Hand-some Dark and Plain Color Ribbons; the correct ribbons for fancy work, hair bows, sashes, etc. Values worth 35c and 50c yard. Sale price. . . . . **25c**

## 5c Cakes of Laundry Soap,

6 for 19c

THIS COUPON and 19c for SIX cakes of Laundry Soap—Choice of the following kinds:  
Cincinnati Oilex, Fair-bank's Santa Claus, Soda Crystal, Procter & Gamble's Lenox. 50c value for 19c

## CLOSE AT 6 P.M. SATURDAY

"IT PAYS TO DEAL AT GOLDENBERG'S"  
**Goldenberg's**  
SEVENTH AND K "THE DEPENDABLE STORE"

The following Lunch served tomorrow in our "Purity" Cafe up to 4:30 p.m.:  
Frankfurters, Potato Salad, Bread and Butter, Cup of Coffee and Piece of Pastry—all for . . . . . **18c**  
Hot Dishes Served at All Hours.

## WOMEN'S FLANNELETTE DRESSING SACQUES For 49c

Warm and serviceable house garments needed now. Extra good quality flannelette, in gray, olive, lavender and pink; made with high collars and cuff sleeves. Belted back. All sizes at 49c.

## Saturday's Toilet Specials

Pastorine Tooth Paste, Regular size, 25c; Jar, 14c; Trial Jar, 9c.  
Oxyn Rouge, with powder puff; pocket size, Regularly 15c; all 9c.  
Rubifac, for the teeth. Regular 25c; bottle 15c.  
FREE with purchases at Toilet Dept. Saturday: Trial Jar of Oxyn Rouge, 9c; Trial Jar of Rubifac, 9c; Trial Jar of Pastorine, 9c.  
Nadine Face Powder, all tints, Regular 50c box. . . . . **33c**  
Armour's Benzoin and Buttermilk Toilet Soap, Regularly 20c box. . . . . **6c**

# Buying Enthusiasm at Its Height in This Annual Midwinter Clearance Sale of Women's COATS, SUITS & DRESSES at Reductions of 1-2 to 2-3

Every Suit—every Coat—every Dress—every Skirt—is involved in this Midwinter Clearing Sale—the once-a-year event that women know and appreciate as the greatest bargain occasion of the entire year. We are after clearance of all winter lines of women's apparel, and we have slashed prices unmercifully to give us a clear field. Your money enjoys two and three fold advantages now.

Tailored Cloth Suits. Values worth up to \$25.00. . . . . <b>\$8.95</b>	Brocaded Velour Coats. Values worth up to \$45.00. . . . . <b>\$14.75</b>
One-piece Serge Dresses. Values worth up to \$6.98. . . . . <b>\$3.98</b>	Women's Fine Cloth Skirts. Values worth up to \$8.98. . . . . <b>\$3.98</b>
Tailored Cloth Coats. Values worth up to \$35.00. . . . . <b>\$13.45</b>	Stylish Cloth Dresses. Values worth up to \$12.50. . . . . <b>\$5.00</b>
High-grade Tailored Suits. Values worth up to \$40.00. . . . . <b>\$13.50</b>	Girls' Stylish Winter Coats. Values worth up to \$10.00. . . . . <b>\$3.98</b>
High-grade Cloth Coats. Values worth up to \$25.00. . . . . <b>\$9.45</b>	Misses' and Junior Coats. Values worth up to \$30.00. . . . . <b>\$9.75</b>
Misses' and Junior Suits. Values worth up to \$30.00. . . . . <b>\$10.00</b>	Chiffon Broadcloth Coats. Values worth up to \$35.00. . . . . <b>\$14.98</b>

## Deeply Reduced Prices on Boys' Winter Clothing

Boys' Fancy All-wool Worsted and All-wool Fancy Cassimere Yoke Norfolk Suits, with full-lined knickerbocker pants; in brown, tan, gray and mixed blue; extra fine quality materials. Sizes 8 to 17 years. Values \$12.00, \$12.50 and \$13.00. Special at . . . . . **\$8.50**

Boys' Fancy Cassimere and Brown Corduroy Bloomer and Knickerbocker Pants, all heavy winter weight, with taped seams. Pull-out sizes from 6 to 16 years. Values worth 45c each. Special at . . . . . **25c**

Boys' Juvenile Suits, Russian belted style, of good quality fancy cassimere; all colors. Sizes 2 1/2 to 7 years. Values worth \$1.98 up to \$4.50. Special at . . . . . **25c**

Boys' Golf Caps and Rag-Rag Hats, also Tyrolean, polo and other shapes. Values worth 50c and 75c each. Special at . . . . . **25c**

Boys' Fancy Cassimere, Navy Blue Serge and Heavy-set Corduroy Suits, with knickerbocker pants. All sizes from 7 to 18 years, but not of each pattern. Values worth \$4.75 up to \$8.00. Special at . . . . . **10c**

Boys' Stocking Caps and Fancy Golf Caps. Sold regularly at 25c each. Special at . . . . . **25c**

Boys' Blouses; neckbands and collar attached styles. Sizes from 8 to 15 years. Values worth 50c and 75c each. Special at . . . . . **25c**

Boys' Extra Heavy Flannelette Pajamas; trimmed with silk frogs and pearl buttons; pink, blue and lavender striped effects. Sizes 6 to 16 years. Values worth 75c and 85c each. Special at . . . . . **\$1.98**

## Men's Underwear and Other Furnishings at Reduced Prices

Men's 50c Fleece-lined Underwear; good, heavy quality; shirts and drawers to match; all sizes. Special at . . . . . **35c**

Men's \$1.00 Silk and Worsted Underwear, derby ribbed; in gray only. Special at . . . . . **69c**

Men's 75c Domet Flannel Night Shirts, extra full cut; all sizes from 15 to 20. Special at . . . . . **45c**

Men's \$4.00 All-wool Korset-made Sweaters, in light and dark gray, maroon, navy blue, mostly all sizes. Special at . . . . . **\$2.50**

Men's \$1.00 Natural Wool Underwear; Corbin Mills make; shirts made with bound neckband, drawers with double belt. Special at . . . . . **69c**

Men's 75c Underwear Ribbed Balbriggan Underwear. Shirts with French necks and some with satin facings; made with double thread through seat and thigh and finished with satin waistbands. Special at medium weight. Special at . . . . . **45c**

Men's \$3.50 Shakerknit Wool Sweaters, made with full roll collars, in blue, gray, navy and maroon. Special at . . . . . **\$2.19**

Men's \$2.50 American Knitting Mills Pure Wool Underwear; shirts and drawers to match; all sizes. Special at . . . . . **1.65**

Men's \$1.00 Reels Health Underwear, lamb's wool fleece; shirts with silk front; drawers made with double gusset. Special at . . . . . **59c**

## Wind-up of the Sale of Men's \$20 and \$22.50 Chinchilla O'Coats Saturday at \$14.75

Tomorrow at closing time the curtain will ring down on this remarkable \$14.75 sale of Men's Chinchilla Overcoats—the greatest clothing event of the entire season. If you want to take advantage of the opportunity to secure one of these garments—right now, at the pinnacle of popularity—come any time before 6 o'clock and make your choice.

It is their style and extreme desirability, as well as their high quality and low price, that make extraordinary the garments we offer in this sale at \$14.75—values that have been selling regularly at \$20.00 and \$22.50.

They are strictly all-wool chinchillas, in blue and oxford gray, and are handsomely tailored with shawl collar and belted back. Semi-fitting model, full and quarter lined. Values that cannot be equaled elsewhere for less than \$20.00 and \$22.50 offered tomorrow at \$14.75.

Many other styles have been added to the sale—come and see them tomorrow.

## Men's Suits at \$9.85--Worth \$15 and \$16.50

Another remarkable clothing value for Saturday—consisting of Men's Fine All-wool Worsted, Cassimere and Cheviot Suits, in a wide range of the season's choicest designs and colors. Styles for men and young men. Every suit is well tailored and perfect fitting. Sizes 33 to 42. Sale price, \$9.85.



## A Big Reduction Sale of German Silver Mesh Bags

We provided with a lavish hand for the holiday demands, and now we must clear out what remains of our stock of Mesh Bags at once. Hence these drastic reductions on the most fashionable kinds—High-class German Silver Mesh Bags, in every wanted shape and design, with richly embossed and engraved effects. Your opportunity to buy one of the most necessary of all dress accessories at a great saving tomorrow.

\$2.00 and \$2.50 German Silver Mesh Bags . . . . .	<b>\$1.69</b>	\$2.50 and \$3.00 German Silver Mesh Bags . . . . .	<b>\$1.98</b>
\$3.50 German Silver Mesh Bags . . . . .	<b>\$2.69</b>	\$5.00 German Silver Mesh Bags . . . . .	<b>\$3.98</b>

## All Trimmed Hats At Finally Reduced Prices

The waning season makes it necessary to reduce prices heavily on all Trimmed Hats. This we have done with a vigor that spells opportunity for every woman who can find a need for a new hat to last the winter out.

The assortment includes Street Hats, Walking Hats, Fine Dress Hats and Handsome Evening Hats, as well as Misses' and Children's Millinery.

Note these striking reductions and be here tomorrow to select a hat from the lot.

Former \$4.00 Trimmed Hats now . . . . .	<b>98c</b>
Former \$7.00 Trimmed Hats now . . . . .	<b>\$2.98</b>
Former \$12.00 Trimmed Hats now . . . . .	<b>\$5.00</b>
Former \$15 & \$18 Trimmed Hats now . . . . .	<b>\$7.50</b>
Former \$20 & \$25 Trimmed Hats now . . . . .	<b>\$10.00</b>

## Women's Cashmerette Gloves, Regular 50c Value at 19c

An exceptional value in Women's Gloves that should create a great stir tomorrow. Serviceable and Stylish Cashmerette Gloves, in fleeced and fancy silk lined. Just the kind for general wear. All sizes in black, brown and gray.

Women's and Children's Worsted Golf Gloves; in plain and fancy colors; good, warm kinds for winter days. Regular 15c. Sale price . . . . . **25c**

Women's Cape Walking Gloves; in one-clasp mannish style; choice of several shades of tan; nearly all good sizes in the lot. Regular 65c value. Reduced to . . . . . **39c**

Children's Fine and Heavy Ribbed Stockings; seamless foot, double sole, heel and toe; good, elastic quality; fast black. Sizes 5 to 7 1/2, at 12 1/2c pair. . . . . **10c**

Women's Cotton Hose; seamless foot, double sole, heel and toe; garter tops; in light and tan; medium weight. Regular 15c value. Sale price . . . . . **10c**

## Wear Corsets for Health!

A bad corset causes suffering—and worse. A good corset, properly selected and fitted, brings health.

NEMO CORSETS have done much good for womankind. They are ultra-stylish, as well as healthful.

Our "corset doctors," experts from the Nemo Hygienic-Fashion Institute, will cure all your corset troubles, and there is NO EXTRA CHARGE.

## Famous Self-Reducing Corsets, \$3, \$3.50, \$4 & \$5

We guarantee a perfect fit for slender figures, at same prices. Consult our "corset doctors!"



## EVERY DAY A SALE DAY Popular Music 10c

Remarkable Values for Saturday in  
**LONG SWITCHES**  
\$1.98 for Kinds Sold at \$3.50 to \$5.00.

They are full 34 and 36 inches long—a feature worth emphasizing. Never before sold at this price. Made of good quality real human hair, in the shades most in demand. A very special value at \$1.98. Hair Goods Department—First Floor.

## BOXED JEWELRY Deeply Reduced

Various lines of Boxed Jewelry left from the Christmas rush have been marked at heavy reductions. If you want to secure several pretty little trinkets for personal use, or return a friend's gift at New Year, here is a chance to buy at little outlay.

50c and 25c Gold Filled Boxed Jewelry, including Bar Pins, Collar and Veil Pins, Sets, Beauty Pin Sets, Brooches, etc. Choice at . . . . . **15c**

10c and 15c Boxed Jewelry, including Bar Pins, Sash Pins, Beauty Pins, Brooches, etc. Choice at . . . . . **9c**

## Fortify Yourself Against Colds With Heavy-weight Underwear

Children's Fleece-lined Underwear; shirts with high neck and long sleeves; ankle-length pants; bleached and unbleached; all sizes, 2 1/2 to 15 years. Special at . . . . . **25c**

Boys' Jaeger Underwear; heavy fleeced shirts, with high neck and long sleeves; ankle-length pants. Special at . . . . . **25c**

Women's Unbleached Fleece Union Suits; shirts with high neck and long sleeves; ankle-length pants; finished with silk-taped necks. Special at . . . . . **69c**

Women's Bleached Union Suits, with high neck and long sleeves; ankle-length pants; heavy fleeced lined. Worth 66c. Special at . . . . . **39c**

## Little Girls' Coats

Reduced **\$3.98**  
to . . . . . **50c**

Tomorrow we start our regular After-Christmas Clearing Sale of Girls' Winter Coats—an event that brings you the biggest bargains of the season in juvenile apparel.

If your little girl needs a warm, stylish coat, take advantage of this opportunity to buy it at a materially lessened price.

The Coats are fashioned of wool chinchilla cloth and corduroy, in brown, gray, navy and red. Made with velvet collars and belts. Some in box style, with close-fitting collar. Warmly interlined and neatly tailored. Sizes 2 to 5 years. Extraordinary values at \$3.98.



## \$1 and \$1.25 Leather Handbags Reduced to 69c

A special lot of Leather Handbags that provides an exceptional opportunity to secure extra big values for the money.

They are usual \$1.00 and \$1.25 kinds—in black and fashionable colors; good quality leather; in the newest and most popular shapes.

Some with assorted fittings, others with large purse to match. Leather or silk lined, with German silver or leather-covered frames.

## Women's Winter Shoes, Regular \$2.50 and \$3.00 Grades Now Marked at \$1.95

Lines of women's footwear that have become broken in size are now reduced for quick clearance. Your opportunity to secure a pair of winter shoes at a decided saving from the regular price.

You will find every size from 2 1/2 to 8 in the lot, but not all sizes in each style. They consist of Russia calf, patent calf, gun metal and vicid kid leathers, in button, lace and blucher styles; high and low heels. Choice of former \$2.50 and \$3.00 values at \$1.95 pair.